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## 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

From 10:00 - 1:00  
 12: Lunch served

**Azalea Trace 10100 Hillview  
 Drive, Pensacola**

## YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

### Officers:

Haley Richards, *President*  
 Pat Jones, *1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.*  
 Vacant, *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.*  
 Caroline Miller, *Treasurer*  
 Enid Sisskin, *Secretary*

### Directors:

Betty Brannon - *Membership*  
 Vivian Faircloth - *Communications*  
 Paula Montgomery - *Education*  
 Elizabeth Major, *Observer Corp*  
 Shirley Lewis - Brown - *Social Justice*  
 Vacant - *Voter Services*  
 Jennifer Wasilenko - *Women's Issues*

### Off-Board Action Team Leaders

Jo Mathews, *Naturalization*  
 Mary Gutierrez, *Solar/EV Initiative*  
 Cathy Scott, *Membership*

### Nominating Committee

Ellen Roston Shirley Lewis-Brown  
 Cathy Scott Betty Brannon

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## Luncheon Speaker: Robert Bender Escambia County Supervisor of Elections

**Robert Bender** was appointed Supervisor of Elections for Escambia County by Governor Ron DeSantis on January 26, 2024. At the time, he was in his second term as the Escambia County Commissioner representing District 4, having been elected in 2018 and 2022. He earned his MBA from Goizueta Business School at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from

Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee, and graduated from Pensacola High School. Robert and his wife Amy have two children.

During Robert's five years as a Commissioner, He served as both Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. In June 2019, he earned his Certified County Commissioner designation through the Florida Association of Counties. In 2020, he received his Advanced County Commissioner Certification and completed his Advanced County Commissioner II Certification in 2021. He represented the Board of County Commissioners on the Canvassing Board for the 2020 Presidential election cycle and 2023 Town of Century special election, providing him the opportunity to learn and be a part of running an election. He is currently working on receiving his Florida Certified Election Professional certification and will be a member of the Florida Supervisors of Elections Administrative Rules Committee starting in May.

Robert has served on numerous boards and committees in the government and local community.

### Lunch Menu:

Soup de jour

Chicken salad plate (chicken salad, green salad, fruit & Croissant)

Ricotta cake with chocolate chips or cheesecake brownie

Ice Tea, Coffee and Water

\*\* Vegetarian Option Available

**\$30 lunch, \$60 Membership, \$30 Household Member**

Pay for RSVP and DUES [here](#) or Pay DUES ONLY [here](#)

**Deadline for you RSVP is noon on May 13, 2024. Your payment is your reservation There is no refund after that date.**

## Proposed Local Program Study and/or Action 2024-2025

The League's program consists of those governmental issues the League has chosen for concerted study and action. The Board Recommended Local program items for study and/or action in 2024-2025 are:

1. Action to assist and educate voters on ballot initiatives and candidates running for election in 2024.
2. Action to monitor school board policies and processes to ban books in school libraries.
3. Action to monitor public school student demographics/diversity resulting from expanded "school choice".
4. Study the environmental impacts of clear-cutting in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.
5. Action to educate the public and elected officials about the environmental impacts of clear-cutting in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.
6. Action to monitor growth management in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.

*Not-Recommended Items are those suggested by a member but not included by the board in the proposed local program.*

## Proposed Slate of Officers & Directors 2024-2025

### Officers:

President	Haley Richards	2024-2025
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Patricia Jones	2024-2025
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Enid Sisskin	2024-2026
Secretary	Vacant	2024-2026

### Directors:

Paula Montgomery	2024-2026
Missy Ward	2024-2026
Jennifer Wasilenko	2024-2026
Patsy Suydam*	2023-2025

### 2024-2025 Nominating Committee:

Hugh Ed Turner, Chair  
Frank Sansone  
Gale Honea

### Submitted by the 2023 Nominating Committee

Ellen Roston, Chair  
Cathy Scott                      Shirley Lewis-Brown  
Patricia Jones                      Betty Brannon

\* Completing vacant term

### Returning Directors:

Shirley Lewis-Brown	2023-2025
Elizabeth Major	2023-2025

## BYLAWS REPORT 2024

*There are no proposed Bylaw changes recommended by the Board to be presented at the 2024 Annual Meeting.*

## Are you a Susan B. Anthony Member?



**Susan B. Anthony membership** is a special category of members who contribute \$100 or more, in addition to membership dues, during the League year. Contributions may be made to our local

League, the Education Fund, the tax deductible arm of the League, or any combination of the two.

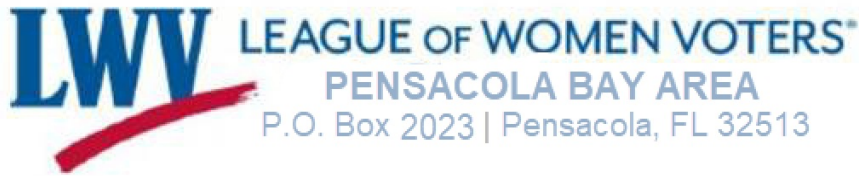
## Help Make Democracy Work!

- Are you interested in becoming a poll watcher?
- Are you interested in assisting with a school board public forum to allow voters an opportunity to hear their views before voting?
- Are you interested in working with Daisy level (K & 1<sup>st</sup> grade) Girl Scouts this summer?
- Contact Paula Montgomery, 850-485-3063.

# Proposed Budget 2024- 2025

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		FY 23-24 BUDGET	FY 2024-2025 BUDGET
		\$	\$
	Dues	6,270.00	5,400.00
	<u>Total Contributions</u>	<u>3,581.00</u>	<u>1682.54</u>
	Non-member Contributions	100.00	680
	Fundraiser	500.00	500
	Annual Meeting	2,500.00	2000
	Interest Income (Savings)	-	0.36
	Guide to Elected Officials	1,000.00	1000
	Grants (Ed Fund)	5,075.00	5880.1
	From Reserves	-	0
	<u>Total Income</u>	<u>19,026.00</u>	<u>17,143.00</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>			
<i>Operational Costs</i>			
	Supplies	100.00	100
	Postage	35.00	35
	PO Box Rental	166.00	176
	Insurance/Filing/Solicitation	700.00	800
	Miscellaneous Expense	100.00	100
<i>Board and Administration</i>			
	President Expense	50.00	50
	Board Expenses	50.00	50
	Annual Meeting	2,500.00	2000
	Membership Services	200.00	100
<i>Delegate Travel/Affiliation</i>			
	Convention/Council (State)	1,000.00	0
	US Convention	-	3300
	Legislative/Leadership Mtgs	400.00	400
<i>Financial Support of League</i>			
	State PMP	1,600.00	960
	National PMP	3,500.00	2047
	Lobby Fund Drive	400.00	400
<i>Voter</i>			
	Printing	50.00	50
	Postage	50.00	50
<i>Program</i>			
	Voter Service	200.00	200
	Know Your County Project	1,000.00	100
	Guide to Elected Officials	1,000.00	750
	Natural Resources Committee	125.00	375
	Women's Issues	150.00	244.9
	Education Committee	400.00	1000
	Juvenile Justice	300.00	805.1
	Study Materials	-	100
	Advocacy (Action)	100.00	100
	Communication IT (Website & Zoom)	650.00	650
	Birthday/Workshops/Forums	4,075.00	2075
	Gun Safety	125.00	125
	<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>19,026.00</u>	<u>17,143.00</u>

Submitted by the Budget Committee: Vivian Faircloth, Chair, Gail Honea, Jo Mathews and Patsy Suydam  
 Caroline Miller and Haley Richards, ex officio



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Lunch	# _____	@ \$30	_____
Individual dues		\$60	_____
Additional Member/s		\$30	_____
Susan B. Anthony Membership		\$>100	_____
Member Contribution		\$	_____
	<b>Total</b>	\$	_____

My separate tax deductible contribution to the Education Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Tax deductible contributions require a separate check written to LWVF Ed Fund and sent to the our Treasurer with a note on memo line.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Pay for RSVP and DUES [here](#) or PAY DUES ONLY [here](#)

For your convenience, **make reservations by the deadline on noon Friday, May, 12** on [www.lwvpba.org](http://www.lwvpba.org), or send your check to LWVPBA Treasurer, P.O. Box 2023, Pensacola, FL 32513.

***Your check is your reservation. Cancellations after noon May 13th are non-refundable.***